

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
North Coast Region

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. R1-2002-0003

FOR

COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Humboldt County

**MONITORING**

Samples shall be collected at the point of discharge to White Slough. Composite samples may be taken by a proportional sampling device approved by the Executive Officer or by grab samples composited in proportion to flow. In compositing grab samples, the sampling interval shall not exceed one hour. The following shall constitute the monitoring program:

**Influent Monitoring**

Influent samples shall be collected at a point preceding primary treatment. The following shall constitute the monitoring program:

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Sampling Frequency</u>
BOD (20°C, 5-day)	mg/l	8-hour composite	monthly
Suspended Solids	mg/l	8-hour composite	monthly

**Effluent Monitoring**

Effluent samples shall be collected at the point of discharge following dechlorination. The following shall constitute the monitoring program:

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Sampling Frequency</u>
BOD (20°C, 5-day)	mg/l	8-hour composite	monthly
Suspended Solids	mg/l	8-hour composite	monthly
Settleable Solids	ml/l	grab	weekly
Coliform (Total)	MPN/100 ml	grab	weekly
Hydrogen Ion	pH	grab	daily
Chlorine Residual <sup>1</sup>	mg/l	grab	daily
Daily Flow	gpd	---	continuous

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<sup>1</sup> before and after dechlorination

Daily monitoring for constituents need only be performed on ordinary work-days when operators are scheduled to report to the WWTF.

### **Acute Toxicity Monitoring**

The presence of acute toxicity in the effluent shall be determined by conducting 96-hour static or static renewal tests using rainbow trout *Oncorhynchus mykiss* as the test species in accordance with wastewater testing method specified in EPA 600/4-90/027F, 4<sup>th</sup> edition or subsequent editions. An 8-hour composite sample of effluent shall be collected once each year.

### **Chronic Toxicity Monitoring**

#### **1. Chronic Toxicity Monitoring Requirements**

- a. Sampling. The permittee shall collect 8-hour composite or 24-hour composite samples of effluent for critical life stage toxicity testing as indicated below. For toxicity tests requiring renewals, 8-hour or 24-hour composite samples collected on consecutive days are required.
- b. Test Species: Chronic toxicity shall be monitored by using critical life stage test(s) and the most sensitive test specie(s) identified by screening phase testing in General Provision E.25 (d) of this Order. Test specie(s) shall be approved by the Executive Officer. Two test species may be required if test data indicate that there is alternating sensitivity between the two species.
- c. Frequency:
  - (1) Routine Monitoring: Once per year
  - (2) Accelerated Monitoring: Twice per year, or as otherwise specified by the Executive Officer.
- d. Conditions for Accelerated Monitoring: The permittee shall conduct accelerated monitoring when either of the following conditions are exceeded:
  - (1) Three-sample median value of 1 TUc, or
  - (2) Single-sample maximum value of 2 TUc.
- e. Methodology: Sample collection, handling and preservation shall be in accordance with EPA protocols. The test methodology used shall be in accordance with the references cited in permit No. R1-2002-0003, or as approved by the Executive Officer. A concurrent reference toxicant test shall be performed for each test.

#### **2. Chronic Toxicity Reporting Requirements**

- a. Routine Reporting: Toxicity test results for the current reporting period shall include, at a minimum, for each test:

- (1) sample date(s)
- (2) test initiation date
- (3) test species
- (4) end point values for each dilution (e.g. number of young, growth rate, percent survival)
- (5) NOEC value(s) in percent effluent
- (6)  $IC_{15}$ ,  $IC_{25}$ ,  $IC_{40}$ , and  $IC_{50}$  values (or  $EC_{15}$ ,  $EC_{25}$  ... etc.) in percent effluent
- (7) TUC values ( $100/NOEC$ ,  $100/IC_{25}$ , and  $100/EC_{25}$ )
- (8) Mean percent mortality ( $\pm$ s.d.) after 96 hours in 100 percent effluent (if applicable)
- (9) NOEC and LOEC values for reference toxicant test(s)
- (10)  $IC_{50}$  or  $EC_{50}$  value(s) for reference toxicant test(s)
- (11) Available water quality measurements for each test (ex. pH, D.O., temperature, conductivity, hardness, salinity, ammonia)

- b. Compliance Summary: The results of the chronic toxicity testing shall be provided in the most recent self-monitoring report and shall include a summary table of chronic toxicity data from at least eleven of the most recent samples. The information in the table shall include the items listed above under 2.a., item numbers 1, 3, 5, 6( $IC_{25}$  or  $EC_{25}$ ), 7, and 8.

After at least two test rounds, the permittee may request the Executive Officer to decrease the required frequency of testing, and/or to reduce the number of compliance species to one. Such a request may be made only if toxicity exceeding the TUC values specified in the effluent limitations was never observed using that test specie.

### **Receiving Water Monitoring**

Samples shall be collected in an ambient background location upstream of the discharge and White Slough downstream in the vicinity of the discharge. Samples shall be collected monthly and shall be analyzed for pH and dissolved oxygen.

### **Determination of Priority Pollutants Requiring Water Quality-Based Effluent Limitations**

The Regional Water Board shall conduct the analysis according to the California Toxics Rule (CTR) for each priority pollutant to determine if a water quality-based effluent limitation is required in the permittee's permit. It is the permittee's responsibility to provide all information requested by the Regional Water Board for use in the analysis. The Regional Water Board shall use all available, valid, relevant, representative information to determine whether a discharge may: (1) cause, (2) have a reasonable potential to cause, or (3) contribute to an excursion above any applicable priority pollutant criterion or objective.

### **Effluent Characterization Monitoring**

Effluent monitoring for priority toxic pollutants listed in Table 1 below shall be done in accordance with General Provision E.29 of this Order.

### **Ambient Background Concentrations Monitoring**

The effluent receiving water shall be analyzed for priority toxic pollutants listed in Table 1 and shall be done in accordance with General Provision E.27 of this Order. Hardness and pH of the receiving water shall be analyzed and reported at the same time a priority pollutant is analyzed.

Options for analytical methods are:

- 1) Those methods listed in Table 1 and described in tables 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, and 1E of 40 CFR 136.3 (revised as of May 14, 1999); or alternate test procedures for individual discharges that have been approved by the EPA Regional Administrator pursuant to 40 CFR 136.4 (a) through (c), inclusive, and 40 CFR 136.5 (a) through (d), inclusive (revised as of May 14, 1999); or
- 2) Where no methods are specified for a pollutant in the tables described in 1) above, methods approved by the State Water Board or Regional Water Board.

Laboratories analyzing monitoring samples shall be certified by the Department of Health Services, in accordance with the provisions of Water Code Section 13176, and must include quality assurance/quality control data with their reports.

Permittees are to instruct laboratories to establish calibration standards so that the Minimum Level (ML) value (or its equivalent if there is different treatment of samples relative to calibration standards) is the lowest calibration standard. At no time shall the permittee use analytical data derived from *extrapolation* beyond the lowest point of the calibration curve.

### **Reporting Protocols**

The permittee shall report the results of analytical determination for the presence of chemical constituents in a sample using the following protocols:

- 1) Sample results greater than or equal to the reported ML shall be reported as measured by the laboratory (i.e., the measured concentration in the sample).
- 2) Sample results less than the reported ML, but greater than or equal to the laboratory's Minimum Detection Level (MDL), shall be reported as "Detected, but Not Quantified," or DNQ. The estimated chemical concentration of the sample also shall be reported.  
For the purposes of data collection, the laboratory shall write the estimated chemical concentration next to DNQ as well as the words "Estimated Concentration" (may be shortened to "Est. Conc."). The laboratory may, if such information is available, include numerical estimates of the data quality for the reported result. Numerical estimates of data quality may be percent accuracy (+/- a percentage of the reported value), numerical ranges (low to high), or any other means considered appropriate by the laboratory.
- 3) Sample results less than the laboratory's MDL shall be reported as "Not Detected," or ND.

### Table 1. – Priority Toxic Pollutants

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CTR No.	CAS No.	Constituent (a)	Minimum Level (µg/l) (b)											
			GC	GCM S	LC	Color	FAA	GFA A	ICP	ICP MS	SPG FAA	HYD RIDE	CVA A	DCP
36.	75092	Methylene Chloride	0.5	2										
37.	79345	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	0.5	1										
38.	127184	Tetrachloroethylene	0.5	2										
39.	108883	Toluene	0.5	2										
40.	156605	1,2-Trans-Dichloroethylene	0.5	1										
41.	71556	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	0.5	2										
42.	79005	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	0.5	2										
43.	79016	Trichloroethylene	0.5	2										
44.	75014	Vinyl Chloride	0.5	2										
45.	95578	2-Chlorophenol	2	5										
46.	120832	2,4-Dichlorophenol	1	5										
47.	105679	2,4-Dimethylphenol	1	2										
48.	534521	2-Methyl-4,6-Dinitrophenol	10	5										
49.	51285	2,4-Dinitrophenol	5	5										
50.	88755	2-Nitrophenol		10										
51.	100027	4-Nitrophenol	5	10										
52.	59507	3-Methyl-4-Chlorophenol	5	1										
53.	87265	Pentachlorophenol	1	5										
54.	108952	Phenol	1	1		50								
55.	88062	2,4,6- Trichlorophenol	10	10										
56.	83329	Acenaphthene	1	1	0.5									
57.	208968	Acenaphthylene		10	0.2									
58.	120127	Anthracene		10	2									
59.	92875	Benzidine		5										
60.	56553	Benzo(a)Anthracene	10	5										
61.	50328	Benzo(a)Pyrene		10	2									
62.	205992	Benzo(b)Fluoranthene		10	10									
63.	191242	Benzo(ghi)Perylene		5	0.1									
64.	207089	Benzo(k)Fluoranthene		10	2									
65.	111911	Bis(2-Chloroethoxy) Methane		5										
66.	111444	Bis(2-Chloroethyl) Ether	10	1										
67.	396383 29	Bis(2-Chloroisopropyl) Ether	10	2										
68.	117817	Bis(2-Ethylhexyl) Phthalate	10	5										
69.	101553	4-Bromophenyl Phenyl Ether	10	5										
70.	85687	Butylbenzyl Phthalate	10	10										
71.	91587	2-Chloronaphthalene		10										
72.	700572 3	4-Chlorophenyl Phenyl Ether		5										
73.	218019	Chrysene		10	5									
74.	53703	Dibenzo(a) Anthracene		10	0.1									
75.	95501	1, 2 Dichlorobenzene	0.5	2										
76.	541731	1, 3 Dichlorobenzene	0.5	2										
77.	106467	1, 4 Dichlorobenzene	0.5	2										
78.	91941	3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine		5										
79.	84662	Diethyl Phthalate	10	2										
80.	131113	Dimethyl Phthalate	10	2										

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Notes:

- a.) Factors may be applied to the ML depending on the specific sample preparation steps employed. Dischargers are to instruct laboratories to establish calibration standards so that the ML value is the lowest calibration. At no time is the discharger to use analytical data derived from extrapolation beyond the lowest point of the calibration curve.
- b.) Laboratory techniques are defined as follows: GC = Gas Chromatography; GCMS = Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry; LC = High Pressure Liquid Chromatography; Color = Colorimetric; FAA = Flame Atomic Absorption; GFAA = Graphite Furnace Atomic Absorption; Hydride = Gaseous Hydride Atomic Absorption; CVAA = Cold Vapor Atomic Absorption; ICP = Inductively Coupled Plasma; ICPMS = Inductively Coupled Plasma/Mass Spectrometry; SPGFAA = Stabilized Platform Graphite Furnace Atomic Absorption (i.e. EPA 200.9); DCP = Direct Current Plasma.
- c.) Use EPA approved method 1613 for dioxins and furans.
- d.) PCBs are a class of chemicals which include aroclors 1242, 1254, 1221, 1232, 1248, 1260, and 1016, CAS numbers 53469219, 11097691, 11104282, 11141165, 12672296, 11096825, and 12674112, respectively.

### Dioxin Study of the Effluent

As required by the Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California (State Implementation Plan or SIP), the permittee shall monitor its effluent for the presence of the seventeen 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (2,3,7,8-TCDD) congeners listed below, once during the dry weather and once during the wet weather over a period of three years. This shall be done in accordance with GENERAL PROVISION E.28 of this Order, and may be performed in conjunction with the effluent monitoring for constituents in Table 1. The congeners and Toxic Equivalent Factors (TEF) can be found in Table 4 of the Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California. A copy of this table is shown below.

**Table 2. – Toxic Equivalency Factors (TEFs) for 2,3,7,8-TCDD Equivalents**

Congener	TEF
2,3,7,8-TetraCDD	1
1,2,3,7,8-PentaCDD	1.0
1,2,3,4,7,8-HexaCDD	0.1
1,2,3,6,7,8-HexaCDD	0.1
1,2,3,7,8,9-HexaCDD	0.1
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HeptaCDD	0.01
OctaCDD	0.0001
2,3,7,8-TetraCDF	0.1
1,2,3,7,8-PentaCDF	0.05
2,3,4,7,8-PentaCDF	0.5
1,2,3,4,7,8-HexaCDF	0.1
1,2,3,6,7,8-HexaCDF	0.1
1,2,3,7,8,9-HexaCDF	0.1
2,3,4,6,7,8-HexaCDF	0.1
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HeptaCDF	0.01
1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HeptaCDF	0.01
OctaCDF	0.0001



The permittee shall report for each congener the analytical results of the effluent monitoring, including the quantifiable limit and the Method Detection Limit<sup>2</sup>, and the measured or estimated concentration. In addition, the permittee shall multiply each measured or estimated congener concentration by its respective TEF value and report the sum of these values.

## **REPORTING**

Monthly monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Regional Water Board by the first day of the second month after sample collection. Numerical data shall be tabulated and narrative reporting statements shall be in letter form and signed by the representative of the permittee in accordance with signatory provisions of Order No. R1-2002-0003.

Reports required for the Determination of Priority Pollutants Requiring Water Quality-Based Effluent Limitations and for the Dioxin Study of the Effluent shall be submitted in accordance with Provisions 27, 28, and 29 of Permit R1-2002-0003, by April 28, 2003.

Ordered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan A. Warner  
Executive Officer

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<sup>2</sup> As determined by the procedure found in 40 CFR 136 (revised as of May 14, 1999)